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## **Monroe Homicide Suspect Arrested in Everett**

A man accused of a "Controlled Substance Homicide" in Snohomish County Superior Court was arrested last night by members of the Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force (PNWFAT). Raoul M. Keith, age 38, of Everett was arrested without incident outside the Top Food and Drug located at 1605 SE Everett Mall Way in Everett.

In March of this year, Keith was arrested and charged by the Monroe Police Department in the homicide of Shane Jesmer of Monroe, who was 19 years of age at the time of his death, on November 1, 2004. Keith allegedly sold Jesmer liquid methadone and Jesmer subsequently died after ingesting some quantity of the drug. Monroe PD detectives were able to identify Keith as the individual who sold the drugs to Jesmer. Keith was arrested, made bond on the case, and failed to show up for a court hearing in August. A warrant for his arrest was issued on August 25<sup>th</sup> and the Monroe Police Department requested the assistance of the PNWFAT in locating and apprehending Keith.

In addition to the homicide warrant, Keith was wanted by the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) for escape. Keith was being supervised by the DOC because of a previous drug conviction. Keith was also wanted by the Mountlake Terrace Police Department for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm stemming from an incident this past April where a handgun was removed from Keith's person by a Mountlake Terrace Police Officer. He was booked into the Snohomish County Jail to await his court appearance.

The PNWFAT is a U.S. Marshals-sponsored partnership comprised of investigators from the King County Sheriffs Office, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, the U.S. Social Security Administration OIG, and the U.S. Marshals Service. The Task Force is supported by the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative and was formed to concentrate apprehension efforts to remove federal, state and local fugitives from the streets. The Task Force objective is to disrupt illegal gun and drug traffickers in the Pacific Northwest and to reduce the amount of violence in the region.

For additional information on other major case fugitives, go to the U.S. Marshals Service's website at [www.usmarshals.gov](http://www.usmarshals.gov). For additional information on the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative, go to the PSN website at [www.psn.gov](http://www.psn.gov).

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For information on the apprehension, call U.S. Marshal Eric E. Robertson at 206-370-8601; for information on the criminal case, call the Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office at 425-388-3411.